Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 12 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 13 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Friday 11 Dec 2020 at 16:00 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled weather to continue. Showers or longer spells of rain most days. Becoming windy on the tops too.

Headline for Saturday 12 Dec 2020: Cloudy, misty with occasional rain and drizzle, snow on highest peaks. Light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 12 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	80%	60%	40%	30%	20%	10%

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Weather: A grey overcast day across most parts of the Southwest Highlands. Only Arran and more southern Argyll hills will see some drier, clearer conditions during the afternoon and evening. Otherwise occasional rain and drizzle with snow confined to highest peaks.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Very little chance in most areas with extensive cloud cover well down the hills. Cloud bases will lift above the tops later in afternoon over hills near to west coast.

Visibility: Pockets of good visibility towards west coast, otherwise misty conditions, the visibility only a kilometre or two and becoming very poor in persistent rain and drizzle.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	12/15 SE	9/11 SE	6/8 S	8/10 S	9/11 SW	9/11 SW	6/8 S	5/6 SE	10/13 SE
900	11/15 SE	8/11 SE	5/8 SW	5/8 W	6/8 SW	6/9 SW	5/7 SW	4/6 E	9/13 SE
600	6/8 SE	5/7 SE	6/7 S	5/7 S	5/7 SW	6/8 SW	5/7 S	3/4 SE	6/8 SE
300	4/6 NE	3/5 S	3/5 S	3/4 S	3/5 S	3/5 S	3/5 SE	3/5 SE	4/7 E
Glen	2/5 NE	2/4 S	1/3 S	2/4 SW	1/4 S	1/4 SW	2/4 S	2/5 E	3/7 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-0/-6	-1/-5	-1/-4	-2/-6	-1/-5	-1/-5	-2/-5	-2/-5	-2/-7
900	1/-3	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2	-0/-2	-0/-5
600	4/2	4/2	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	2/-0
300	6/5	6/4	5/4	5/4	5/4	5/4	5/4	4/3	4/2
Glen	7/6	7/6	6/6	6/6	7/6	7/6	6/5	5/4	5/4
Freezing Level*	1300m	1200m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1000m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Even with just a light winds on summits, it will still feel very cold with damp conditions and temperatures close to freezing.

Forecast for Sunday 13 Dec 2020

Weather: Cloudy with light rain and sleet edging northwards across all parts during morning, turning persistent and heavy in the afternoon. There will be a short spell of snow above 600m, combined with southeasterly gales leading to temporary blizzard conditions on higher parts before turning to rain by evening.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly winds with average speeds on the tops of 30 to 40mph and gusts to 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% at first then little chance. Thickening cloud with bases lowering well down the hills.

Visibility: Good at first, turning poor from south during morning and virtually nil in heavy rain and snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to 9 Celsius later in afternoon.
At 800m: Zero Celsius rising to plus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m in the morning, rising to 1300m by evening.

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